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RAISE Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cotton, Tom [R-AR]

Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 13, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 4760	Related bill	Jun 21, 2018: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
115 HR 4340	Related bill	Dec 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 HR 3775	Related bill	Sep 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Border Security.
115 S 1720	Related bill	Aug 2, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Reforming American Immigration for Strong Employment Act or the RAISE Act

This bill amends the Immigration and Nationality Act to eliminate the diversity immigrant visa category.

The fiscal year limit for refugee admissions is set at 50,000.

The President shall annually enumerate the previous year's number of asylees.

The bill defines: (1) "immediate relative" as the under-21 year old child or spouse of a U.S. citizen, and (2) "family-sponsored immigrant" as the under-21 year old child or spouse of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

The worldwide fiscal year level for family-sponsored immigrants is reduced.

The bill establishes a nonimmigrant alien W-visa for the parent of an adult (at least 21 years old) U.S. citizen.

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